

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

The internet weather report which gives hourly status reports on the water level of the Pea River in Elba is back in business. We noticed in early December that the numbers were staying the same, even though the caption at the top of the page said it was current. We sent an e-mail to the man who keeps up the site but heard nothing until this week. He apologized for the problem and assured us it was solved and the information up to date. For those interested in checking the page for themselves, just go to weather and select Tallahassee, FL. That and a couple of more clicks will take you right to the "Pea River at Elba" readings. The page usually displays the current reading and that for the past couple of days. The page is not hard to find. We stumbled on it one night while "surfing the web" for just such information. Then a computer crash (lightning) destroyed our bookmarks. However, using the system described above, we were soon back in business with the river status reports. You can do the same thing.

Agnes Wilson is in the running for being the queen of excess weight problem. Agnes came in this week with a tray of goodies and commented that she understood we were soliciting such goodies. Now that is not exactly the truth, but today we will let her keep believing it. There were several things on the tray and the only one this uninformed one can name is the roasted pecans. We do not know if the goodies were made with grapes, fruit, or just plain. As a youngster, that type stuff always went into the hog bucket, but that was before we knew the real value, and great taste, of such food! We are convinced that Red Wilson retired from the Elba school system, not to rest but to be closer to Agnes' cooking.

We are upset this week. It is over a personal concern, but it could be a problem for any citizen of Elba. It deals with the Elba electrical system. Our problem is with the grounding of the lines (or the lack thereof). Last August we had a very expensive lightning strike at the office for just such information. Then a computer crash (lightning) destroyed our bookmarks. However, using the system described above, we were soon back in business with the river status reports. You can do the same thing.

ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period of January 5, 1999, through January 11, 1999. They were: June White, Linda Hill, Troy Tyler, Martha Lee, Rhonda Yates, Margaret Hussey, Hollis Wicker, Trudie Jackson, J. L. Hamilton, Crysta Hancock, Donna Falls, Deanna Coleman, Donald Barton, Alma Caylor, Stephens Bolling, Carlton Pynes, Annie Tyson, Patricia Jordan, and Agnes Mack. Persons discharged during the same time period were: Jo Ann Wilson, Judy Williamson, Linda Hill, Murphy Cox, Herman Carter, Regina Knight, L. E. Capps, June White, Debra Ledbetter, Troy Tyler, Clemmie Williamson, Trudie Jackson, Jeanell Flowers, Hollis Wicker, and Rhonda Yates.

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Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, January 4, 1999, investigated the following incidents: one burglary, one harassment, six assaults, two criminal mischiefs, and one theft of property.

The following arrests were made during the week three for assault. Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: six for speeding and one for reckless driving.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:
MONDAY, JANUARY 4 - Alarm at Elba High School (5:09 a.m.); River stage - 6.36 feet (6:01 a.m.); Fire department dispatched to a light pole fire on Stoumen Street (6:34 p.m.).

TUESDAY, JANUARY 5 - River stage - 6.34 feet (6:22 a.m.); Alarm at a residence on Lee Street (8:55 a.m.); Coffee County EMS made a medical transfer from Elba General Hospital to Southeast Alabama Medical Center in Dothan (4:47 p.m.); Wreck reported on Herman Driggers Drive (6:52 p.m.); Elba Rescue Squad dispatched to stand by at house (corner of Addison and Davis streets) (5:48 a.m.); Alarm at Kelly's Barbecue (6:56 a.m.).

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6 - Fire department dispatched to a house fire (Guy's Used Lawnmowers & Autos, Inc.) at the corner of Addison and Davis streets (5:21 a.m.); Elba Rescue Squad dispatched to stand by at house (corner of Addison and Davis streets) (5:48 a.m.); Alarm at Kelly's Barbecue (6:56 a.m.).

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7 - Alarm at a residence on Old Curtis Road (12:41 a.m.); River stage - 5.38 feet (6:07 a.m.); Elba Rescue Squad dispatched to a wreck at the intersection of AL Hwy. 87 and AL Hwy. 134 (3:25 p.m.); Fire department dispatched to a wreck on AL Hwy. 87S (3:25 p.m.); Fight reported on Eisenhower Loop (3:35 p.m.); Minor wreck reported at The Big Little Store (4:22 p.m.); Alarm at a residence on Jackson Street (6:30 p.m.); Prowler reported on Smith Avenue (7:14 p.m.); Coffee County EMS made a medical transfer from Elba General Hospital to Flowers Hospital in Dothan (10:53 p.m.).

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 8 - River stage - 4.83 feet (6:51 a.m.); Wreck (vehicle vs deer) reported on Neil Grantham Drive (3:50 p.m.); Fight reported on Reynolds Street (5:03 p.m.); Disturbance reported on Guyton Street (5:18 p.m.); Coffee County EMS made a medical transfer from Elba General Hospital to Southeast Alabama Medical Center in Dothan (7:09 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Co. Rd. 358 (7:39 p.m.); Coffee County EMS made a medical transfer from Elba General Hospital to Southeast Alabama Medical Center in Dothan (11:08 p.m.).

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9 - River stage - 4.84 feet (6:15 a.m.); Alarm at a residence on Claxton Avenue (9:21 a.m.); Alarm at Kelly's Food (4:12 p.m.); Alarm at Skinner's Furniture (6:35 p.m.).

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10 - River stage - 7.12 feet (6:38 a.m.); Alarm at Kelly's Food (11:08 a.m.); Minor wreck reported at the Dairy Queen (12:02 p.m.).

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FIFTY YEARS LATER ... Some local members of Elba High School graduating class of 1949 met recently at the home of Marion and Nancy Brinson to visit with classmate Charles Harrison and wife Sally of Spokane, Wash. Class members present were (front row): Mathaly John-Farris (D) and Edna Sue McCollough Stinson, (D-R middle row): JoAnne Thomson Rainer, Eula Mae Nalls Meredith, Joan Padgett Jacobs, Ethelene Crocker Tucker, (D-L back row): Freddie Rainer, Marion Brinson, Charles Harrison, Billy English.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

In the years I spent growing up in Elba, I've found one common thread among those who have come and gone — the spirit of this community is one rich in tradition and pride. We have shown fellowship when faced with nature's hardest blows; we have struggled through tough decisions and have turned inward to find the strength to carry them out.

I've come a long way from the young kid from East Flatbush, Brooklyn in New York City, when I am contacted by old friends and family that I haven't heard from in a while, they are quick to inquire as to how I'm doing and where I'm living now. I say with pride - "Elba, Alabama!"

The conversation always immediately turns to two questions: *Where?* and *Why?* Without going into great detail, my answer is always the same: *Where?* - because my family roots are here, and the foundation of any strong family tree is its roots. *Why?* - because I've spent ten years in the military and I've been to Europe, to the Far East, and even Down Under, but there is no place like home.

As we enter into the new year and the promise of a better future and better days for our community, I find myself proud to have been a member of this community, and will make every effort to return in some way the rich traditions taught me by my grandparents.

I would like to thank the community for their strength and perseverance without which I would not have had a home to return to. I wish the best of luck to all of us in the coming years.

ABDELA. BILAL

Dear Ferrin,

This is my first letter to a newspaper, but I think I owe the city of Elba and its citizens something I have just recently learned about Elba, my "hometown."

I was 20 years old when I first left Elba and moved to the larger cities and towns, such as Auburn, Tuscaloosa, Dothan, Montgomery, Mobile, Huntsville, Birmingham, and eventually the Virginia area of Washington, D.C. for 17 1/2 years - and now back to Huntsville.

Family members have always lived in Elba, and never a year passed that I did not "come home" once or twice a year at least.

However, when you move around like that you think of the larger places as having better of everything - whether restaurants, stores, hospitals or whatever.

In the early hours of Dec. 26, 1998, I was at my daughter and son-in-law's house (Sharon and Robert Ward) in Brookdale when I suffered a heart attack. I managed to wake Shea, my granddaughter, to get help. Within a few minutes, which seemed like hours, my niece, Sherry Bryan Young, a registered nurse, from across the street, was here - just ahead of the Elba Rescue Squad. They lost no time getting to work on me and were constantly in touch with the "Good Samaritans" who were in the emergency room at Elba General Hospital.

Shortly thereafter, they transported me to the hospital where I was stabilized and then transferred to Southeast Alabama Medical Center in Dothan.

In Dothan I also got excellent attention and was released from the

hospital Jan. 1.

If I had been at home alone in Huntsville, I probably would not have made it. Although my son, Jeff Hamm, lives only about four blocks from me, I would not have been able to use the telephone to get him or the emergency squad.

My point is, I learned larger is not always better. The citizens of Elba should be proud of their city and the medical services they have to offer.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Elba General Hospital, Dr. Glen Roberts, Nancy Carabel, R.N., Sherry Young, R.N., the 911 dispatcher, Elba Rescue Squad, and Coffee County EMS for their quick actions and efficient care.

Sincerely,
BETTY HAMM HAMM
Huntsville, Ala.

Dear Marvin,

We are Elba Glass Co. would like to express our feelings on some issues we have been dealing with. An out-of-town company has been coming into Elba and working daily - and has taken some major work on construction sites right out of our hands.

Not because of price or quality of work, but because of reasons we do not understand. We are as competitive in pricing, and as equipped to do good, quality work as any other glass company.

We chose Elba as our home to live and work because of the friendly, honest people and businesses here. We are hard-working people trying to make a living, live every one else.

Elba is a wonderful place, in our opinion, to raise a family. Our children go to Elba City Schools which we highly support. Everything we own is invested in this town - we depend on its support.

We at Elba Glass, our friends and family, and the citizens of Elba will be the ones to support the new local grocery store, as well as pay taxes

here to benefit our town - not the out-of-town people or businesses.

We appreciate those who have supported us, and helped us continue in business - but to those who give Elba's business to out-of-town companies - we just wished to express our feelings on the matter.

Jimmy and Lene Chandler
ELBA GLASS COMPANY

Dear Marvin,

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From the bottom of our hearts - to Myrna Cowen, Rev. Audrey Williams, Daniel Stephens, Dr. Lance K. Dyess, Bill Brinson, and Charles Pearce - thank you for the hard work and the results you bring to pass in the lives of our children and our community.

May the Lord bless each of you.
JESSIE LEE WINDHAM

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AREA DEATHS

THERON O. HEAD

Mr. Theron O. Head, age 90, of Palm Bay, Fla., died Jan. 8, 1999, in a Palm Bay Hospital.

Funeral services were held Jan. 11, at 11 a.m. in Crest Lawn Funeral Home Chapel, Macon, Ga., with Dr. William L. Hardee officiating. Burial was in Glen Haven Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Head was born in Pike County, living in Macon, Ga., for 41 years, and moved to Florida in 1992. He was retired from Robins Air Force Base.

Survivors include his children: Louie Head, Orlando, Fla.; William Head, Boca Raton, Fla.; Edward Head, Umatilla, Fla.; Samuel Head, Theron Head, J. Clayton Head, Larry Head, John Head, and Linda Schils, all of Palm Bay, Fla.; brothers: Milford Head, Jack; Jefferson Head, Centerville, Ga.; Imogene McCollough, Avon, Fla.; Bragg, Columbus, Ga.; and Fred Jordan, Panama City, Fla.; 17 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren.

WILLIAM CURTIS SMITH

Mr. William Curtis Smith, age 81, of Elba, died Jan. 11, 1999, in Flowers Hospital.

Funeral services were held Jan. 13, 1999, at 11 a.m. at Hayes Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. Danny Maddox officiating. Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery of Elba, with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Mr. Smith was a lifelong resident of Elba and Coffee County and a veteran of WW II. The family asks

that any memorials be made to Whitewater Baptist Church building fund.

Survivors include his wife: Helen Snow Smith, Elba; a son: K. Larry Smith, Atlanta, Ga.; a grand-daughter: Emily Smith, Athens, Ga.; two sisters: Ventellie Corbit and Bessie Dell Ward, both of Elba; three brothers: Hugo Smith and Arthur D. Smith, both of Elba; Walter Smith, Bay Minette.

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Special thanks to Dr. Dyess, the staff of Elba Nursing Home, and the staff of the Elba General Hospital Emergency Room. Your care and concern is greatly appreciated.

May God bless each of you.
Sincerely,
THE BETTIE ADKINSON AND ESSIE BELL FAMILIES

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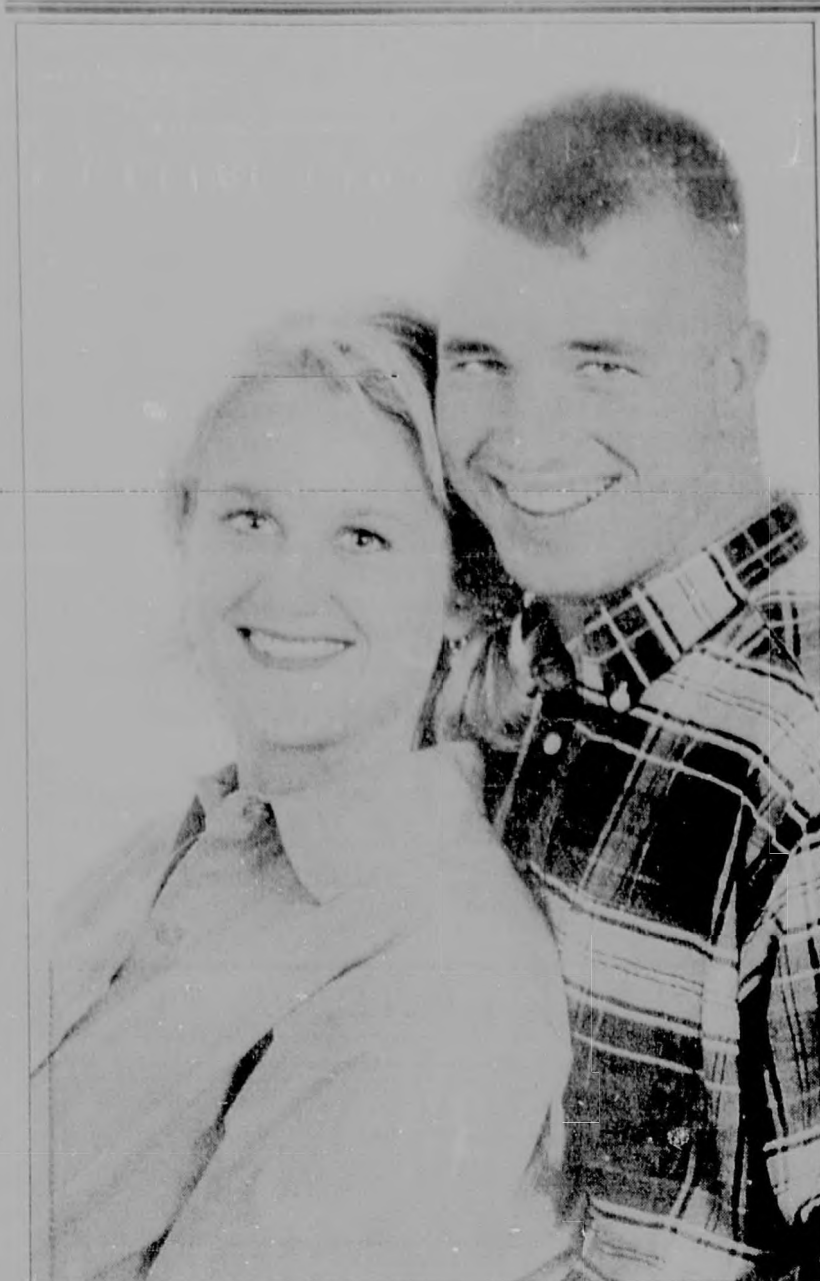
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LIFESTYLES



Miss Day & Mr. DuBose

Day - DuBose announce July wedding plans

Gordon and Martha Blanton of Cullman, and Danny Day of Auburn, announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Jodi Day, to 1st Lt. Kyle Wesley DuBose, son of Jim DuBose and Beth DuBose of Elba. Jodi is a 1989 graduate of Cullman High School and a 1995 graduate of Jacksonville State University with a degree in Criminal Justice. She is attending Gadsden State, pursuing a degree in Court Reporting. The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Jay Dean Day and the late Calvin Day, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Paul Fox of Hanceville.

Kyle is a 1991 graduate of Elba High School and a 1997 graduate of Auburn University, where he received a degree in Building Science and was commissioned an engineer officer in the U.S. Army. He is serving in the 36th Engineer Battalion at Ft. Campbell, Ky. The future groom is the grandson of Ollie Farris and the late Eugene Farris of Elba, and Ray and Euna DuBose of Opp. He is the great grandson of O.S. DuBose and Mayhew Norris of Opp. The wedding will take place Sunday, July 10, at 12 noon at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Cullman.

Mr. & Mrs. Adkison to be honored on 50th

Wedding Anniversary

In honor of the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Alfred and Jeanette Adkison, their children request the pleasure of your company at a Reception on Sunday, January 17, 1999 from two to four o'clock in the afternoon at Bethany Baptist Church Rt. 1, New Brockton, Alabama.

Your presence will be your gift.

Habitat for Humanity to have banquet

Habitat for Humanity of Coffee County will have its Celebration Banquet Thursday, Jan. 20, at 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, Enterprise.

Tickets are \$7.00 each and are available at Elba and Enterprise Chambers of Commerce offices, and Coffee County Baptist Association office in New Brockton.



Laura Brunson

Laura Brunson celebrates 7th birthday

Laura Frances Brunson, daughter of Kim Brunson and Hal Brunson of Lakeland, Fla., celebrates her 7th birthday today, Jan. 14.

Proud grandparents are Billy Joe and Frances Brunson of Elba, and Bernice Tidwell, Winter Haven, Fla.

Ellis-Paine wedding planned for Saturday, March 27

Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Ellis Jr. of Elba announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Amy Elizabeth Ellis, to Randolph Luther Paine, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Paine Sr. of Sarasota, Fla.

Miss Ellis is a 1985 graduate of Elba High School and a 1989 graduate of Troy State University. She is employed in Bradenton, Fla., as a Social Services Director.

Mr. Paine is owner and operator of a lawn maintenance company in Sarasota, Fla.

The wedding will be an event of Saturday, March 27, 1999, at three o'clock in the afternoon at Island Park at the Sarasota Bayfront in Sarasota, Fla., with reception to follow.

All family and friends are invited to attend.

Three-In-One Study Club hears about money

The Three-In-One Study Club met Jan. 7 at the Elba City Library. Mrs. Donald Lee served as hostess. Mrs. Joe Clark, guest speaker, was introduced by Mrs. Milton Warr.

Mrs. Clark gave an interesting and informative talk on being frugal with money and time, including such topics as housekeeping, food, clothing, gift-giving, time and energy, free fun, etc.

The president, Mrs. Wilson Newman, presided over a short business session.

Benefit barbecue and singing to be held at Jack Assembly of God

A benefit barbecue and singing will be held at Jack Assembly of God Church on Saturday, Jan. 30.

Barbecue plates will be \$5 each and serving will begin at 11 a.m. Tickets will be sold at the church and may be purchased from Jack community churches.

Homemade layered cakes will also be available for purchase in advance or following the singing.

The singing will begin at 7 p.m. featuring the Answorth Family.

All proceeds will benefit cancer patient Jan Prescott.

For more information, contact Larry Eddins at 897-5616 or Wanda Edmondson at 897-5613.



Colten Kelley

Colten Kelley is one year old

Colten Kelley, son of Chris and Sabrina Kelley, celebrated his first birthday Jan. 7.

He is the grandson of Jeff and Tarry Kelley and Bill and Pam Stokes.



Miss Amy Ellis



Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Allen Farris

Farris-Jones wedding held December 13th

Glenda Marie Jones became the bride of Christopher Allen Farris on Dec. 13, 1998, at the home of the groom's great-grandmother, Connie Pearl Hattaway.

The bride is the daughter of Floyd and Mandy Troha of Ragley, La., and Bobby and Betty Jones of Taylor Town, Miss. She is the granddaughter of Casey Jones of Sulphur, La.

Mr. Farris is a 1994 graduate of South Beauregard in Ragley, La., and a 1998 graduate of McNeese State University in Lake Charles, La., with a degree in accounting and finance.

After a week in Orlando, Fla., the couple spent the holidays with the bride's family in Ragley, La. They now reside in Houston, Texas, where the bride is employed with an oil company.

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***Annual Martin L. King Jr. Celebration to be held Jan. 17, at 6 p.m. at the Mulberry Missionary Baptist District Association, Hwy 84 West, moderator Rev. J.G. Chatman.

Pleasant Shade Choir will present selections: Call to worship - Rev. Chatman; devotional - Dea. Hawkins & Dea. J.L. Williams, welcome - Rev. Albert Freeman; occasion - Rev. A.R. Williams, Litany of Hope - Sis. Martha Green; celebration sermon - Rev. C.A. Hammond Jr., pastor Pleasant Shade Baptist Church, Enterprise.

Everyone is welcome.

***A pre-anniversary service will be held for Elder W.K. and Sonia

Ellison on Jan. 17, at 3 p.m. at Harris Temple COGIC. Guest speaker will be Supt. J.C. McLeod, pastor of Houston Street COGIC in Dothan. All pastors and congregations in surrounding areas are invited.

***Annual Choir Day of Elba Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Dr. John L. Grayer, pastor, will be held Jan. 17, at 2:30 p.m.; theme - 1 Cor. 14:15; Mistress of Order - Sis. Allie Payne; selections by Elba Zion Choir; devotional by visiting officers, welcome and occasion - Sis. Jamie Kelley; remarks - Sis. Alzie Davis and Pastor Grayer; visiting choir - Rocky Head, Springfield, Old Salem, Poplar Springs, Mulberry Male Chorus, Nazareth, New Philadelphia, Bethlehem, Oak Grove, Bethel AME, Elba Mass Choir, Pine Grove, New Zion, New Salem and Dea River.

***Men and Women's Program at Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, Elba, J.L. Parks, pastor, will be held Jan. 17, at 3 p.m.; theme - 2 Cor. 6:18; devotional - Mt. Calvary and visiting officers; music by visiting choir; Old

Testament reading - Dea. Rubin McKinnon; New Testament - Sis. Oneather Smalley, welcome - Sis. Lucille Edwards; reading - Sis. Priscilla Kelley; occasion - Dea. Robert Hooks; solos by Dea. Charles Cole, Sis. Clara Caldwell; guest speaker - Elder Fletcher Fountain, pastor of Lily Baptist Church, Letohatchee; offering - Dea. Mix Andrews and Dea. Frank Smith.

All churches and families are invited to share in this program. Dinner will be served in the fellowship hall following the program. Sister Annie L. Hooks will be Mistress of Ceremony.

***The adjourn session of the Mulberry District Association will be held Saturday, Jan. 16, at the Educational Building, Elba, at 10 a.m. All pastors and delegates are asked to be present, and each church is asked to contribute \$25. Dea. Williams is corresponding secretary, and Dr. J.G. Chatman is moderator.

***Today is a good day - be grateful ERIA

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Anyone wishing a ride to Shiloh Baptist at any of these times may call Jeff Smith at 897-2946.

Topics to be discussed include housing, grants, scholarships, deadline for one being Jan. 15.

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DAR holds workshop in Elba

The John Coffee Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution held a workshop Jan. 9, at 9 a.m. at Wommen of the World Lodge building. The workshop was held to complete an annual report of comities and projects, and to elect delegates to the State Conference in Mobile in March, and the National meeting in Washington, D.C.

The meeting was called to order by the Regent, Nell Wilson Gilmer. Breakfast was served by the hostesses, Addileen Newman and Olive Ray Martin, to the following members: Pat Howard and Dee Martin, Enterprise; Elsie Hilton, New Brockton; Nancy Brunson, Charlotte Hobson and Nell Gilmer, all of Elba.

The John Coffee Chapter was organized in 1963 by Miss Eudora Fares, Elba. It was named in honor of Gen. John Coffee, soldier and distinguished early settler of this area. Also, when Coffee County was created by an Act of the Legislature

on Dec. 29, 1841, it was named for Gen. Coffee.

The DAR promotes historic preservation and education, and patriotic endeavors. Membership is offered to all women who can prove a blood line to an ancestor who openly supported or fought for the American colonies during the Revolutionary War.

For more information on DAR contact Nell Gilmer, Regent, at 493-2182.

Elba Church of God to have Revival

The Elba Church of God will have a Family Revival Jan. 17-20, with services Sunday at 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m., and Mon - Wed. at 7 p.m.

Featured evangelist will be Rev. Jerry L. Elvis of Elvis and Company.

Elba Chapter of AARP to meet Tuesday, January 19th

The Elba Chapter of AARP will meet Tuesday, Jan. 19, at 6 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center in Elba for a covered dish supper.

New officers will be installed

during the business meeting and program plans for 1999 will be discussed.

Anyone interested in joining AARP may bring a covered dish

and attend the next meeting. Meetings are held each month on the third Tuesday at 6 p.m. and last for an hour. New members are welcome.

Johns Chapel to host musical concert January 24

Johns Girls Inc. of Johns Chapel AME Church, will host a Youth Musical Concert Sunday, Jan. 24, at 5 p.m. at Johns Chapel AME Church, 847 Geneva Hwy, Enterprise.

Workshop rehearsal nights will be Jan. 20-22, 7-9 p.m.

Registration fee will be \$400 per person, and will be held 6-6:45 p.m.

All youth ages 10-24 are invited to participate.

Choir for the concert will be from: Manassas, Reeves, Minister of Music, John Temple COGIC, Elba.

For more information contact Chastity Bell, Chairperson, 347-8360 or Valerie Hall, 347-3017.

For those who shared our loss, and those who supported our family during this time - thank you. A special thanks to Joyce Gilbert and Mae Baldwin whose selfless contributions enabled my father to remain at home, and made his final years as full and comfortable as possible.

With love
RONNIE WESTBROOK

THROUGH MY FATHER'S EYES

Do my loved ones understand that I must go now? Can they see that the pain and the struggle to live are becoming more than I can bear?

Will they be able to think back, to before my awful illness, and remember when I was strong and accomplished?

Will my wife recall that I always tried to be a loving husband? And will my son recall how hard I worked for him?

Will he remember the times we worked so hard together, and the times we played and laughed?

Will my granddaughters think of how I loved them, and remember my teaching them to drive in the pasture?

Will my friends recall that I did everything I could when they needed help?

My father's long life was filled with diverse occupations. From my early years, I remember him as a business owner, a law

enforcement officer with Dale County, a welder with Dorsey Trailers, and a farmer here in Elba. I never knew anyone who worked harder, who gave more to his family, or who was more concerned for his friends.

On Jan. 5 my father, Edward Lee Westbrook, ended his life of 84 years. His final several years were spent battling Alzheimer's. He fought a valiant fight, and up until his death, remained able to walk, converse and recognize many close friends and family.

Jes. Dad, we know we understand, we remember, we appreciate, we love you - and we will miss you!

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With love
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NEW HAVEN ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH

Walter Faulk, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Serv. 7:00 p.m.

NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH

J.C. Turner, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service 7:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

MUSTARD SEED FOUNDATION

Sunday Morning Service 10:30 a.m.
Evening Service 8:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study 8:00 p.m.

NEW PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

Louise Flowers, Minister
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:30 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

NEW ARCADIAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Hilbert & Linda Williams, Ministers
Sunday 10 & 11 a.m.
Sunday Even. 7:00 p.m.
Wed. Even. 7:30 p.m.
Fri. Even. 7:30 p.m.

NEW BAY BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Calvin Davis, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service 8:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

NEW CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Herbert Smith, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service 8:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

NEW BENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Alfred Kiner, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service 8:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

NEW HAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Ben McKee, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
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NEW HAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH

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made a motioned seconded by Commissioner Chairman Kayo Lewis that the low estimate be accepted and the patrol car repaired.

During the discussion of Dalrymple's motion, Commissioner Bernest Brooks expressed his concern in putting this amount of money into the repair of a 1995 Chevrolet Caprice with more than

160,000 miles on it. Other commissioners expressed their own concerns.

A motion was offered by Commissioner Linda Westbrook that the matter be tabled until another request for bids on a reconditioned car be sent out again. The motion was seconded by Brooks and all commissioners except Dalrymple

CITY

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clear potentially harmful gasses from confined areas. The system will cost \$2,987,000 and cost will be split between the City and the Water and Electric Department.

City Attorney Jeff Kelley presented the council with a resolution dealing procedural work on the large \$44.2 million sewer rehap program. The council approved the resolution, which deals with the operating budget of the sewer system.

Grimes reported to council members that the cost of collecting sales taxes has dropped since the State of Alabama again began collecting the taxes for the city. The cost the year before the state took over was \$12,576. After the state resumed the work, the cost dropped to \$4,516.

The mayor also noted that Elba's sales taxes actually increased in 1998, in spite of the problems during the year, including the flood and the lack of a grocery supermarket. He said part of the increase could be accredited to the increase in building material sales following the flood and part is directly related to better collection enforcement.

The council approved renewing the workman's comp insurance at a cost of \$38,279, which is \$534 less than the cost last year.

The city administration is reviewing the drug and alcohol abuse guidelines in the personnel manual and will be proposing some changes in the near future, Grimes told council members.

voted in favor of tabling the matter. Administrator Mobley presented a resolution for adoption by the commission authorizing Polyengineering, Inc. of Dothan to perform the architectural work for the grant application for CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) funds for renovating the New Hope Senior Citizens Center. This was approved by commissioners.

Another resolution for application of CDBG funds to supply water to the Holley Cate Factory was also adopted by the commission.

They also voted to approved funding the local matching funds should the grant application be approved. This would involve putting up \$9,166.00 cash. The estimated total cost of the water project is \$45,829.00.

Mobley also asked for and received permission to once again send out bid requests for a computer system for District Judge Steve Blair since no bids were received from the last bid invitations sent out.

Commissioner Westbrook reported that a recent meeting with representatives from all the county's water authorities went well.

"It was a very positive meeting... many questions and concerns of each of the persons involved were addressed at the meeting," said

Westbrook. "However, none of them are ready to become members of the [County Water] authority."

The commissioners, in an earlier planning meeting agreed to move forward with the establishment of a county-wide water authority for Coffee County.

Westbrook asked for a resolution allowing the commission to appoint three (3) persons to start the incorporation of the water authority. This was approved by a unanimous vote. The individuals will be appointed at a later date. The requirements are that the individual appointed live in the district to be served, own real estate and be a registered voter in Coffee County.

In closing, Commissioner Brooks commented that the recent action by the commission to establish an advisory council on drugs was well received by several residents of the county; however, he felt that the commission, as a whole, is not ready to support the idea to the degree that he feels is necessary to make it work.

He stated that the intent of the council was to give the citizens of the county an opportunity to help in the fight against drugs through educational means and not to physically become involved in the "catching of criminals." The advisory group was to be composed of fifteen members appointed by the commission.

Sheriff Montes, when asked how he felt about the idea by Commissioner Brooks, agreed that law enforcement needed all the help it could get in the fight against drugs, but he did think that fifteen members would be too many for the group to work effectively.

Commissioner Brooks said that the idea may have to be "put on hold" until the time is better suited to implement the advisory committee.

The group adjourned to sign bills with the next meeting being scheduled for Monday, January 25, 1999, at 9:00 a.m. in the County Complex in New Brockton.

Elba City School Board members get up beat report from super

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City School Board on Thursday evening heard Superintendent Charles Pearce give a positive report on the first half of the school year. Pearce was upbeat in his report. He opened with, "We had as good a first block (semester) as can be expected."

The superintendent said he is proud of the drastic drop in discipline cases being referred to the office by teachers. He said the number of discipline problems are only about 60% of what they were last year. "This is a credit to the school administrators and teachers as well as to the great students we have," he told board members.

Pearce continued his report with a recap of two state and federal inspections in which the schools passed with flying colors. He was bubbling with pride when he related the story of one group of inspectors stopping by his office, after completing their inspection and meetings with students, to personally convey the positive results of their inspection.

As board members one by one added their praise to all concerned, Pearce explained, "You can feel the student attitude, just by walking down the hall... it radiates throughout the buildings. That is something we have not always had in recent years."

The board approved the retirement of Jean Harrison from the lunchroom program. They also voted to hire Edith Sasser to fill the position. She had been working as a substitute for a number of years.

Steven Mender was officially hired as the Spanish teacher at the high school. He has been on the job since the second block started. The Elba schools tried to hire Mr. Mender at the first of the school year, but he could not get released from his contract with the Pike County schools at that late date.

The board approved a ten-week leave of absence for Norma Young. She will be doing her internship to complete a teaching degree. Mrs. Young has been working officially as an aide, but was managing the "Writing to Read" program.

Pearce reported that the work on the erosion control project is progressing and the finished project would be another positive step forward for the school campus.

Board members were told that the revenue tax check recently received by the school was the largest the system had ever received, at \$127,000.

The money is collected by the Revenue Commissioner and sent to the schools monthly throughout the tax season.

The outstanding bank note of \$75,000 will be repaid from the \$116,000 earmarked as capital purchase funds and due from the State of Alabama during the year. This will come in two checks.

The financial status of the schools is sound at this time, according to Pearce. School revenues are exceeding projections at this point of the year.

Board members will meet Friday at noon with city officials and other invited guests to recognize the schools during School Board Member Month.

New equipment and training at ELATIRON will enhance the unit's capability to serve the Wiregrass area.

Located at Cairns Army Airfield, Fort Rucker, ELATIRON is the crash rescue support team that responds to roadside emergencies within a 100-mile radius of the Army post.

With its responsibility to assist the military with Medical Evacuation (MEDEVAC) and civilians under the Military Assistance to Safety and Traffic (MAST) programs, ELATIRON has purchased new equipment and has begun training to continue providing the best emergency service possible to the Wiregrass community.

The unit's new power hawk (jaws of life extrication tool), two protocol propaq (Digital Respiratory-Cardiac System Monitors), and a new burn kit to treat burn patients are all crucial to saving lives.

Two C-12 Huron fixed wing aircraft, new to ELATIRON, will soon provide invaluable lifesaving services to the military region. The aircraft will be equipped with a special bed for patients.

Firefighters at ELATIRON have completed their Basic Emergency Medical Training to become qualified EMT-Basics, able to assist in patient care during MAST and MEDEVAC flights.

Chief Warrant Officer Two Jackie Reed, MAST Project Officer, said this equipment and training will enhance the MAST service for everyone.

According to Maj. Steven Etnus, ELATIRON commander, "It is a pleasure to provide this aeromedical service to the military and surrounding Wiregrass region. The addition of this equipment will definitely increase our capabilities and quality of care."

Law enforcement agencies and hospitals can request MAST support from ELATIRON to transport emergency patients from remote locations to hospitals, or to transfer patients between hospitals by contacting the Southeast Alabama Medical Center emergency room.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Elba Chamber of Commerce announces winners of Miss Christmas Pageants

The Elba Chamber of Commerce sponsored the 1998 Christmas Pageant on Nov. 28, at the Elba High School auditorium, and winners in each division are shown in each category.



TEENY TOT (Birth - 23 months) - 4th runner-up - Abigail Hutton; 3rd runner-up - Patton Wilson; 2nd runner-up - Travia Martin; 1st runner-up - Jamie Williamson; Winner - Victoria Hudson



TINY TOT (ages 2 - 4) - 4th runner-up - Vanecia Magwood; 3rd runner-up - Sarah Emily Prestwood; 2nd runner-up - Sarah Bryan; 1st runner-up - Karl Briggs; Winner - Heather Brunson



LITTLE MISS (K - 3rd grade) - 4th runner-up - TIE - Courtney Meyers and Koleria Burrows; 3rd runner-up - TIE - Megan Anderson and Linda Thompson; 2nd runner-up - Summer Parker; 1st runner-up - Reba Reese; Winner - Peyton Rose



MINI MISS (4th - 6th grade) - 2nd runner-up - Collette Newson; 1st runner-up - Leigh Anna Flowers; Winner - Briana Bailey



JUNIOR MISS (7th - 9th grade) - 4th runner-up - Brandy Davis; 3rd runner-up - Stephanie Stokes; 2nd runner-up - Kendal Murphy; 1st runner-up - LaShawn Robinson; Winner - Anna Anderson



MISS CHRISTMAS (10th - 12th grade) - 4th runner-up - Allison Culliver; 3rd runner-up - Heather Hudson; 2nd runner-up - Nina Patel; 1st runner-up - Elizabeth Bedsole; Winner - Toccara Stoudimire

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Tuesday - Pancakes, w/Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Wednesday - Biscuit, Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Thursday - Eggs, Toast, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Friday - Cheese Grits, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk

LUNCH
Monday - Holiday - MLK Day
Tuesday - Corn Dog, Macaroni & Cheese, Turnips, Cornbread, 1/2 Orange, Milk
Wednesday - Breaded Beef Patty, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Field Peas, Roll, 1/2 Apple, Milk
Thursday - Barbecue on Bun, Baked Beans, French Fries, Peach Half, Milk
Friday - Chicken Fingers, Corn, Green Beans, Bread, Pear Half, Milk

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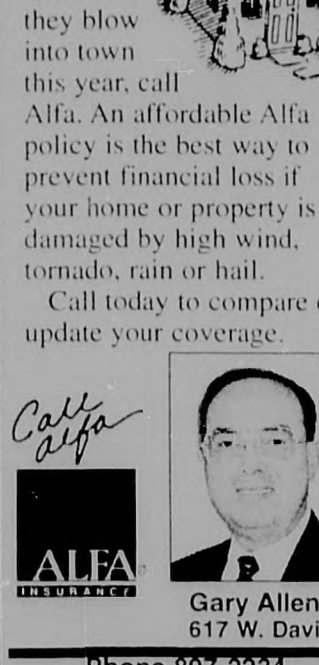
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I - VARSITY BLUES (R)

MLF 7:15 & 9:25 - SAS 2:15 & 7:15 & 9:25

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II - PATCH ADAMS (PG-13)

MLF 7 & 9:20 - SAS 2:7 & 9:20

Westgate Center

III - STEPMOM (PG-13)

MLF 7:45 & 9:25 - SAS 2:7 & 9:25

IV - A BUG'S LIFE (G)

MLF 2:15 - SAS 2:15 & 7:15

THE FACILITY (R)

MLF 9:15 - SAS 9:15

College Cinema - College Plaza

V - THE THIN RED LINE (R)

MLF 7:30 Only - SAS 2 & 7:30 Only

*No Pases - No Wed. Night Disc.

VI - THE PRINCE OF EGYPT (PG)

MLF 7:15 Only - SAS 2:15 & 7:15

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YOU'VE GOT MAIL (PG)

MLF 9:10 Only - SAS 9:10 Only

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III - AVIATION ACTION (PG-13)

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SPORTS

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THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz

We have had problems with Melanie's teeth ever since she was little, and this week it was time to do something about the problem as she got braces on both the top and bottom. I didn't understand the reasoning of putting braces in a kid's mouth when she still had some baby teeth, but the dentist said it was time, and for the next two years my little baby will have to put up with braces. She has been a real tough little girl concerning the braces, and I told her last week that she will have the prettiest smile in Elba in just two short years. I just hope she keeps on smiling until then!

ELBA TIGERS MUST IMPROVE IF WINS ARE TO FOLLOW

The Elba Tigers lost to Clayton last week to see their area record slip to 1-1, and all of a sudden what at one time looked like a banner season now looks like just a better-than-average year for the guys in black and gold. The tenth ranked Tigers have lost four of their last seven games, and now stand at 11-5 for the season with games still left against folks like New Brockton, Goshen, Enterprise, Clayton, Brantley and Andalusia. With the second half of the schedule being a lot harder than the first, Elba could easily wind up the season with ten losses. Coach Marlon Johnston has worked wonders with this year's squad and they are actually be over-achievers, but there is a lot of basketball left to go and the time has come for the Tigers to improve in all areas as they head down the stretch. Hey, all their opponents know exactly what to be ready for by now, and the Tigers will have to either put in a few wrinkle's or get a lot better at what they do if the wins are to keep piling up. It should be a very interesting three weeks for the Tigers as they get ready for the tournament.

ELBA LADY TIGERS MAKE QUICK TURN AROUND

I had just about written off the Elba Lady Tigers after their dismal showing in the Red Level tournament, but they bounced back this week with wins over Luverne and Clayton and all of a sudden look like a team to contend with in the area. The wins improved Elba's record to 8-9 for the season, and the road win over Clayton gave the Lady Tigers hopes of winning the area title, since both area games left will be played in Elba. I guess that when a team is as young and inexperienced as the Lady Tigers one can never get too upset after a loss, and too excited after a win. Good job girls, keep working hard and good things will happen.

NEW BROCKTON AND BRANTLEY ON THE MOVE

The area basketball picture is becoming very clear as the New Brockton Gamecocks and Brantley Bulldogs have both hit their strides and appear solid contenders for post-season success. Here is a quick trip around the area's gyms.

*****NEW BROCKTON (10-6)** lost games to Goshen and Enterprise over the weekend, but both losses were on the road, and the Gamecocks have already proven that they are indeed one of the top 2A teams in South Alabama. The Gamecocks aren't loaded with your typical superstars, however, the players work well together and in recent games have really taken it to another level on the defensive end of the court. If New Brockton can just find a better way of holding on to leads late in the game, they could make a lot of noise when the post-season party begins.

*****BRANTLEY (8-1)** was expected to be a legitimate state title contender this season; the Bulldogs are getting better and better each night and appear ready to make a run at the 1A title. The Bulldogs have all the tools needed to be successful on the court, and now that the state championship talk has finally died down a little about the football team, the basketball team has focused on the task at hand. If Brantley will keep on working hard and improve week by week, the Bulldogs could very well be headed for the Final Four in Birmingham.

*****ZION CHAPEL (28)** has to be one of the mysteries of South Alabama this season. The Rebels started off well with two early wins, but since then have simply not been able to put a win on their side of the ledger. The Rebels have one of the state's best kept secrets in Josh Grantham, and have some solid players to go with him, but the Rebels apparently still don't know how to win. If the Rebels could win a couple of close games, and get excited they could take off and surprise some folks, but for now it's just more of the same.

*****KINSTON (2-9)** won a couple of games early and had some of their fans excited about what was to come, but reality has now set in down in Bulldog country and it is obvious that the Bulldogs simply don't have the weapons to win a lot of games. The Bulldogs work as hard as any team around and always play to win. However, the level of talent is just a little down in Kinston these days and any all wins will be a reason to get excited. Better days will come, but for now the fans just have to remain dedicated and stick with their kids.

ELBA BOYS TEAMS WIN TOURNAMENT TITLES

The Elba Invitational Basketball Tournament was held last week at Elba High School for boys and girls teams in the seventh and eighth grades. The Elba Tigers claimed both the boys titles in grand fashion. The 7th grade boys won their crown by disposing of Kinston and Fleeta and closed out the season with an 11-3 record, while the 8th graders put the wraps on a 16-2 season by claiming lopsided wins over Enterprise and Dauphin, both from Enterprise. Coach Brian Weeks has developed a top notch junior high program at Elba over the years, and this year won the title in the 8th grade division for the third time in the past four years. It sounds a little funny in a football town like Elba, but basketball is strong all the way down to the elementary level and winning teams are here to stay.

"BASKET-BRAWL" WAS NOT A SURPRISE TO ANYONE

I am not putting the blame on the school officials or the coaches, but last week's brawl at the Louisville-Clayton basketball game was not exactly unexpected. The fans from both schools have been very vocal for years, and the style of play of both teams has always been rough and intimidating. Put these two styles together and fireworks were bound to happen! I talked with some basketball officials last week and some people that lived in the area, and what they told me was that it was indeed a "riot" that took place late in the game following a fight between two players, and that the officials working the game were in fear for their lives and locked themselves in a coaches office. The fight also reportedly continued at the football field after the gym was emptied, and it took police from several towns to put an end to the very ugly incident. Three people were arrested after the game, and the Clayton coach was taken to a hospital after being knocked out by a chair that struck him across the head. The worst part of the whole situation is that the Barbour County Superintendent of Education denied anything had really happened and said the incident was blown out of proportion. Get real, the real problem is that until the school officials admit they have a problem it will never go away. I also disagree with the cancellation of the Clayton-Louisville game which was scheduled for this week. I think the teams and coaches should have been allowed to play the game, but that the gym should have been off limits to all fans and spectators. The game could have taken place in an empty gym, which would have showed the trouble makers that the games will be played whether they are there or not. It would have a bad situation that really upset the officials at the state high school athletic association, and the decision of the state officials will play a major role in the prevention of any such future incidents.

I am not placing the blame on either of the schools; however, a couple of years ago Luverne and Louisville were playing in the area tournament in Elba, and after Luverne upset the highly-ranked Red Devils from

Louisville a near brawl took place on the court and the Luverne cheerleader sponsor was struck across the head. Police were also needed back then to help break up the incident. So, maybe the school officials at Louisville need to take a long look at their program and consider making changes of some kind. No recommendations here, just a thought!

THOUGHTS IN CLOSING...

******* The early season success of the Auburn basketball team has really got the Tiger fans going crazy. The Tigers are indeed one of the top teams in the SEC, but one good start doesn't mean that this year's Tigers are true national all-time contenders. There is still a lot of time left and a lot of SEC games left to play, and better teams than the '99 Auburn Tigers have hit some road blocks while traveling around this conference. I admit Auburn has a good team, but let's not order the rings quite yet.

Blow 11-point second quarter lead

Tigers drop area tilt to Clayton 60-49

The Elba Tigers saw their area title hopes dealt a severe blow Friday night as they blew an 11-point second quarter lead and watched as the Clayton Tigers rallied in the second half to post a wild 60-49 win in Clayton.

The loss left Elba with an 11-5 record, 1-1 in area action, while Clayton improved to 5-4 with the win, 2-0 in the area standings.

Elba pulled out to an early 4-2

lead on baskets by Eric Jordan and Tim Ware, and stretched its lead to 12-5 with 3:09 left in the opening stanza as Ware and Mark Wicker sparked a Tiger rally inside. Elba's lead went to 14-7 with 2:43 left in the quarter on two free-throws by Mark Wicker and it looked like the Tigers were in mid-change, however, Clayton staged a late rally and scored the final five points of the stanza to pull within 14-12 heading into the second quarter.

Wayne Reed and Derrick Duncan scored two quick baskets in the second quarter as Elba upped its lead to 18-12, and the Tigers then threatened to run away, as Wayne Reed and Derrick Duncan sparked an 8-0 run that put the Tigers on top 26-15 with 3:11 still left in the half.

Elba owned a 28-19 lead with 6:21 left in the third quarter, but Clayton suddenly came to life and used an aggressive full-court press to go on an 8-0 run of its own as the hometown Tigers pulled within 28-27 with 5:10 still left in the period.

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ESJC NEWS

Using the Microcomputer - Level II - for those who have experience with keyboarding. Successful completion of *Using a Microcomputer - Level I* is recommended but not required. A 3 1/2" diskette is required. \$30.00 fee - registration deadline is Feb. 2. Tuesdays and Thursdays, Feb. 9 - 18, 5:30 p.m. Space limited to first 15 to register.
Computers for Seniors - Mondays and Wednesdays, Feb. 8 - 24, 2:30 - 4 p.m. Students should bring 3 1/2" disk to class - \$30 fee, registration deadline Feb. 1.
Creative Writing Club - to meet Friday, Jan. 15, 5:30 p.m. at SubZone in Enterprise. Call ESJC, Ext. 216, Monica Vickers.
Children in Kindergarten - for students of ESJC. Child must be 2 1/2 years old when student begins term, cost \$300 per semester, may be paid in two equal installments. Open 8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., children may be brought between 7:50 and 8 a.m.
To qualify, one parent must be taking 12 semester hours at ESJC, and must present an official copy of their ESJC class schedule to the Kindergarten director by final registration day - Jan. 8 for 1999 spring semester. Also parent must bring a certified copy of child's birth certificate and an immunization certificate from the health department on or before final registration day.
For more information call ESJC, Ext. 219, Rebecca Richter.
To register for classes, call 334/393-ESJC, Ext. 234. Spring semester classes begin Jan. 11.

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School board members are in charge of making policy, goal-setting, maintaining buildings, and overseeing million-dollar budgets; they work without compensation and spend many hours leading area schools to meet the goals and high standards required to develop the community's citizens.
Take time in January to thank area board members. Those who serve with the Elba City School System are: Myrna Cowen, president, Daniel Stephens, Bill Brunson, Dr. Lance K. Dyess, and Rev. A.R. Williams, vice president.
Coffee County School System's board members are: Charles Walker, chairperson; Robin McKinnon, Rev. Ben Ampong, Harrell Carroll, Jimmy Clark, Joyce Barksdale, and Danny Jernigan.

Coffee County Schools Menu Jan. 18 - 22, 1999

BREAKFAST	LUNCH
Monday - HOLIDAY - Martin Luther King Day Tuesday - Chicken and Biscuits, Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk Wednesday - Honey Bun, Cereal, Juice, Milk Thursday - Pancakes, Syrup, Link Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk Friday - Cheese-Tost, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Monday - HOLIDAY - Martin Luther King Day Tuesday - Pizza Burger, Fish Nuggets, Steamed Cabbage, Baked Potato, Fruit, Hashbrowns, Fried Ham, Milk Wednesday - Red Beans/Sausage, Lemon Baked Chicken, Steamed Carrots, Green Beans, Rice, Fruit, Rolls, Milk Thursday - Roast Beef Sandwich, Hot Dog, Breaded Okra, Potatoes w/Whi Sauce, Apple Crisp, Fruit, Milk Friday - Steak Sandwich, Chicken Nuggets, Whole Kernel Corn, Black-eyed Peas, Cornbread, Fruit, Milk

Basic course in boating to be taught at EPD

The Elba Police Dept. and the Alabama Marine Police will sponsor the "Boating Basic" course at Elba Police Dept. Jan. 26 and 28, 6-10 p.m. Both nights must be attended to qualify.
The course is free and all materials will be provided. Parents, grandparents and students are invited; children must be 12 years of age to attend.
For more information call Officer Miller at 334/388-35314.

Elba Chapter of AARP to meet

The Elba Chapter of AARP will meet Tuesday, Jan. 19, at 6 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center in Elba for a covered dish supper.
New officers will be installed during the business meeting and program plans for 1999 will be discussed.
Anyone interested in joining AARP may bring a covered dish and attend the next meeting. Meetings are held each month on the third Tuesday at 6 p.m. and last for an hour. New members are welcome.

Habitat Banquet

Habitat for Humanity of Coffee County will have its Celebration Banquet Thursday, Jan. 28, at 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, Enterprise.
Tickets are \$7.00 each and are available at Elba and Enterprise Chambers of Commerce offices, and Coffee County Baptist Association office in New Britain.

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Forestry incentive sing up underway in Coffee County

The USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service has announced a sign-up for the Forestry Incentive Program (FIP) Jan. 4 - 29, at the local office in the Coffee County Agricultural Center in New Britain. Approximately \$500,000 is available for cost sharing in Alabama for FIP in fiscal year 1999.
FIP supports good forestry management practices on privately owned, non-industrial, forestlands. It is designed to benefit the environment while meeting future demands for wood products. Eligible practices are tree planting, timber stand improvement, and site preparation for natural regeneration.
For more information contact the local NRCS office at 334/894-5581, Ext. 3.

USS LST troops plan huge reunion for next fall

The USS LST Association is looking for all LSTers to join a reunion with shipmates from WWII to the present date. The next reunion will be held in San Diego, CA, from August 28th thru September 2nd, 1999.

Harris Temple to sponsor Women's Council workshop for 2nd year

Harris Temple COGIC will present the second annual Christian Women's Council Workshop Saturday, Jan. 23, 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.
Theme: "Women of Great Value," taken from Proverbs 31:29.
Registration fee is \$5.00.
All women are invited. Harris Temple is located at 747 Adams.

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Spicer named vice chairman on education committee of house

State Rep. Terry Spicer (D-Elba) was named vice chairman of the Education Committee when the House of Representatives convened in Montgomery on Tuesday for its organizational session.
Terry was appointed to four other committees, including the State Government Committee, which will oversee legislation involving transportation and utilities. In addition, he was one of seven members of the House appointed to the Local Legislation Committee, and will also serve on the Textile-Advisory Committee.



Representative Terry Spicer
our people. I believe these commit-
tee appointments put me in a good
position to do that."

Heaven's Way sets time for fellowship

Heaven's Way Church at 112 S. John St. in New Britain will have a time of fellowship at 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 15.
Area pastors and churches will be participating in the service, and the public is invited.
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Martin Luther King, Jr. remembered

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

A large crowd gathered in Montgomery, AL to celebrate the inauguration of a new governor, while in the small town of New Brocton in Southeast Alabama 80 to 100 individuals, both young and old, gathered to pay tribute to the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The day started out dreary, however that all changed at mid-morning as the sun came out warming things up and patches of blue sky gave hint of a beautiful day to come.

The day's events, of the annual celebration started four years ago, began at the old Warren Smith High School complex where a brief ceremony was held as a prelude to the march down Main Street and on to Poplar Springs Baptist Church for a formal service.

Each year, on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, the celebration is sponsored by the Progressive Circle which is a union of four churches - Poplar Springs Baptist Church, Greater

Springfield Baptist Church, Pea River Baptist Church, and St. Mary Baptist Church. Serving as the event coordinator was Helen Crittenden. Prior to the start of the ceremony at Warren Smith, individuals talked about the memories that the old school building stirred and how many things had changed through the years while noting that "we still have a ways to go."

Older participants remembered how through the gallant efforts of Dr. King, many of the changes - better jobs, educational opportunities, political advantages, etc. - had been brought about.

After a welcome on behalf of the Town of New Brocton from Councilperson Linda Gilbert, the group sang several songs led by a group of young people, followed by an invocation. Comments were heard from representatives of the local churches and from a representative of the Coffee County School System.

Shortly after 10 p.m., the group began its trek to Poplar Springs

Baptist Church located on AL Hwy. 122 where a formal service of tribute to Dr. King was held. A bus was provided for those who were not able to walk the distance but wanted to participate in the "march."

Dr. Colleen M. Gordon, director of Federal Programs of Enterprise City Schools, was guest speaker for the occasion. She has been in education for more than 20 years serving both as a teacher and working in administrative positions.

Dr. Gordon reminded those present Monday that Dr. King's dream has been dimmed through the years; however, she encouraged its rekindling through positive leadership and actions.

She stated that the opportunity is there for the people of the present to set and obtain their goals of a bright future but they must never forget the struggle of those past generations that fought and died for their dreams. Dr. Gordon also pointed out and emphasized the fact that jealousy and hatred can destroy one's dreams.



MARCHING IN REMEMBRANCE ...As those celebrating Martin Luther King, Jr. Day marched along AL Hwy. 122 en route to Poplar Springs Baptist Church just north of New Brocton, they sang songs and talked among themselves of the days when marches were prevalent as a means of expressing one's support of an idea and/or a dream

Elba police have active weekend

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

Elba police are investigating a shooting that left two men wounded and one man in the county jail.

At approximately 5:06 p.m. Sunday afternoon (Jan. 17), Elba police officers responded to a call that a shooting had occurred in the parking lot of the Beaver Dam Apartments.

According to Investigator Johnny P. Senn, officers discovered that two black males had been shot during a fight that had taken place near the

Beaver Dam Apartment complex. Both victims were taken to Elba General Hospital, treated and later transferred to Southeast Alabama Medical Center in Dothan where they were listed in stable condition.

Authorities identified the two victims as Robert Earl Hooks, 20, and Tony Hooks, 23, who both reside at Route 1 Box 47, Elba, AL.

Senn said that an arrest has been made in connection with the shooting. Martin Lamar Caldwell, 19, of Elba was arrested and charged with two (2) counts of assault in the first degree and placed in the Coffee County Jail. He was taken into custody by officers shortly after the shooting without incident in Elba.

No cause has been given for the shooting and the incident remains under investigation by the Elba Police Department.

Quick and alert action by the Elba Police Department (EPD) netted one thief last Saturday morning.

According to a press release from the EPD, at approximately 7:00 a.m., officers were summoned to a residence located on Sunset Blvd., in reference to a black male subject breaking and entering motor vehicle in Alabama.

Enterprise, AL. He was charged with two (2) counts of breaking and entering a motor vehicle and placed in the Coffee County Jail in New Brocton, AL.

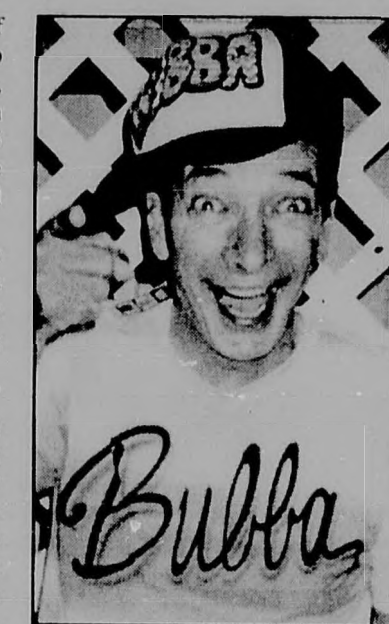
Tolver said a small amount of currency and several CDs were taken from the vehicles. The incident remains under investigation by the local police.

The 1999 Elba Chamber of Commerce annual membership banquet is scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 30, at 6 p.m. at the Elba High School cafeteria. Tickets are \$15 each and may be purchased at the Chamber office or from any board member.

Speaker for the occasion will be Mark Robbins of Elmore, who has been M.C. at Heart of Dixie Bluegrass Festival since its opening in May 1996.

Robbins, known as "Bubba," began at an early age entertaining church congregations through song in the hills of East Tennessee. After working in the Atlanta area, he found a home in central and south Alabama, and became the Mark Robbins of WBAM fame. He became a weekend air personality and then general manager of several stations, including the first talk radio station in Montgomery. He helped raise funds for charity with his WBAM basketball team, and later moved into the advertising agency business.

He was elected to the office of mayor of Elmore, and he and his wife Gwen are actively involved in their daughter Adrienne's school life. Robbins also has entertained at churches and other groups with his Christmas comedy.



MARK ROBBINS

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** News Briefs **

Russell William Cutts, Jr.'s request that one of his state-appointed attorneys be removed as his lawyer has been granted by the courts. Cutts, who is charged with capital murder in connection with the deaths of his father and step-mother, Russell William Cutts, Sr., and Leighanne Manning Cutts, will still be represented by state-appointed attorneys, Debbie and Mike Jared of Elba. His trial is set for March. Jeremy Guthrie, who also faces capital murder charges in the case, will be tried in March also.

Local law enforcement officials believe that the New Year's Day escapee from the Coffee County Jail is alive. Wilda Ira Stokes, 41, escaped from correctional officers upon returning to the jail following a hospital visit. After a search by a cadaver dog of the wooded area and beaver ponds where Stokes was last seen failed to turn up anything, officials are asking for the public's assistance in locating the escapee. Anyone having any information should call the Coffee County Sheriff's Department at 894-5535 or their local police department. Stokes, a white male, is 6 feet 2 inches tall, weighs 200 pounds, and has gray eyes and brown hair. He has been found guilty of sexual abuse and also faces charges of sodomy and escape.



FAMILY DOLLAR BURGLARIZED. Elba police responded to a call on Wednesday morning, Jan. 13, in reference to a burglary that had occurred during the night or early hours of the morning at the Family Dollar Store. The front door had been busted out by the thief(s) to gain entrance to the building. Inv. Johnny Senn stated that there was a considerable amount of damage done and that the damage was estimated at approximately \$4,600.00. Numerous items of merchandise were taken from the business but since the burglary, Inv. Senn said, "we believe that we have recovered the majority of the goods taken." The estimated total of the items recovered (pictured above) is \$806.00. The items included clothing, watches, etc. At this time, no arrest has been made and the incident remains under investigation by the Elba Police Department. Anyone having any information concerning the burglary should call the Elba Police Department at 897-2555 or Crimestoppers at 897-3881.

Area Happenings

ANNUAL CHAMBER BANQUET. The Elba Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet is scheduled for Saturday, January 30, 1999, at 6:00 p.m. at the Elba High School cafeteria. The guest speaker for this year's banquet will be Mark Robbins from Montgomery, AL. He has been the master of ceremonies at the Heart of Dixie Bluegrass Festival since it opened in May 1996. Tickets for the events are \$15 each and can be purchased at the Chamber of Commerce office or from any board member.

BABYSITTER TRAINING. The Coffee County American Red Cross will hold Babysitter Training on Saturday, Jan. 23, and Jan. 30, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Cost is \$20, and must be paid no later than Wednesday, Jan. 20, and class is limited to the first 10 students. The class is open to youth who are at least 11 years old by the first day of the class, and is designed to provide young people with instruction in child care, emergency procedures, and the responsibilities of a babysitter. For registration call 347-2461.

LOOKING FOR GRADS. The New Brocton High School Alumni Association and the Olen D. Roberson Foundation are planning the school's 85th reunion to be held in the fall of this year, and need addresses of members. Any graduates not receiving mail from the association are urged to send their address to: New Brocton Alumni Association, P.O. Box 547, New Brocton, AL 36351.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. The American Cancer Society announced that it has opened an office in Enterprise, AL at 557 Glover Avenue Suite 8. The phone number is 308-9619 and fax number is 393-8638. Volunteers are needed to staff the new office.



DISTRICT ATTORNEY MARK FULLER... is sworn into his first full term as District Attorney for the 12th Judicial Circuit of Alabama (Coffee & Pike counties). The DA's father, Attorney Kenneth Fuller (right), administered the oath-of-office as his wife Lisa and children Everett, Merredity, and Kaitlin looked on. Several friends, city and county officials, and staff members looked on Tuesday afternoon as the DA was sworn in in one of the "unfinished" courtrooms of the new Enterprise Courthouse. Fuller was appointed to the office by Gov. Fob James when long-time DA Joel Folmar retired just over two years ago.